

## Message Text

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SUBJ: TUNISIA AND LIBYA EXCHANGE RATIFICATIONS OF AGREEMENT  
TO TAKE OFFSHORE BOUNDARY DISPUTE TO ICJ

REF: 77 TUNIS 9038

1. TUNIS PAPERS FEBRUARY 28 REPORT THAT TRIPOLI  
FEBRUARY 27 TUNISIAN AND LIBYAN MINISTERS OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS EXCHANGED INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF JUNE  
10, 1977 AGREEMENT TO TAKE CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE  
TO INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE.  
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2. TUNISIAN STATE NEWS AGENCY (TAP) STORY RECALLS  
AGREEMENT TO SEEK DETAILED GUIDANCE FROM HAGUETRI-  
BUNAL CONCLUDED LAST JUNE AT SPECIFIC DIRECTION OF  
PRESIDENTS BOURGUIBA AND QADHAFI. SEES EXCHANGE OF  
RATIFICATIONS AS FURTHER STRENGTHENING FRATERNAL TIES  
AND COOPERATION BETWEEN LIBYAN AND TUNISIAN PEOPLES.

SAYS THIS "CROWNS SUSTAINED EFFORT--DEPLOYED WITH PATIENCE, WISDOM AND MUTUAL CONFIDENCE--TO RESOLVE PROBLEM ON BASIS OF CONVERGENCE OF OBJECTIVES AND HARMONY OF INTERESTS..." IT THUS IS PRACTICAL EXAMPLE OF "BEST WAY FOR BROTHER STATES TO OVERCOME OBSTACLES" AND PURSUE DEVELOPMENT.

3. FOREIGN MINISTER FITOURI AND SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS BRAHIM TURKI HAVE BEEN IN TRIPOLI SINCE FEBRUARY 22 FOR MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ORGANIZATION FOR AFRICAN UNITY AND HAVE HAD AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT QADHAFL. MULCAHY

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